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(By Associated Press.)
DOVER, Feb. 16.—Eight British patrol vessels were sunk early yesterday in the Straits of Dover. The vessels did not have a chance when the German destroyers got among them, because they were only equipped with light armament for anti-submarine work. The night was dark and foggy.

The proportion of losses among patrol vessels is remarkably small in comparison with the risk. On this occasion the crews exhibited the

CAR SHORTAGE PULLS CRIPPLE CREEK DOWN

(By Associated Press.)
CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Feb. 16.—Gold mining felt the pinch of the January car shortage and for the first time in months the production in the Cripple Creek district fell below a million dollars and stockholders found their monthly dividend reduced about an eighth.

Production for January in this district was 92,373 tons worth \$925,430.38, an average of \$10.01 a ton. The dividends for the month total \$273,500.

January's production was 3,377 tons under that for December.

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DRAFT BILL TO EXEMPT ALL NEUTRAL CITIZENS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The war and state departments today jointly prepared a bill proposing an amendment to the draft law to exempt citizens or subjects of neutral countries who declared their intention to become American citizens. Chairman Dent of the house military committee introduced the measure.

Secretary Lansing advised Chairman Dent that the state and war departments were strongly "of the opinion that from the standpoint of international relations it was highly undesirable that existing laws should stand unmodified, as they evidence disregard of treaty obligations."

INFANTRYMEN KILLED.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—General Pershing today advised the war department two infantrymen were killed in action on February 8, one on the 9th and one yesterday.

In the engagement of yesterday one other was slightly wounded and two are missing.

SEA LIONS INVADE HOME.

(By Associated Press.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Sea lions that had been driven ashore by whalers today invaded the home of a lighthouse keeper north of Monterey, according to Lighthouse Inspector Rhodes.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah.

	1918	1917
5 a. m.	23	27
9 a. m.	26	31
12 noon	37	38
Maximum Feb. 15.	32	40
Minimum Feb. 15.	13	19
Relative humidity at noon today.	29 per cent.	

FIFTY PER CENT OF SHIPYARD WORKERS IN NEW YORK DISTRICT ARE OUT ON STRIKE, AND APPEAL TO PRESIDENT WILSON TO INTERVENE IS TAKEN

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Officials of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners today announced they would appeal direct to President Wilson to intervene in the strike of shipyard workers engaged in government contract work.

It is claimed 50 per cent of the shipyard workers in the New York district is today on strike. It is said the strike will spread to other cities on the Atlantic coast unless the wage demands made by the carpenters and joiners are granted.

The government has rejected a proposition that the carpenters' brotherhood be allowed a representative on the labor adjustment board of the emergency fleet corporation to settle the present controversy.

A renewed demand that William L. Hutchison, president of the brotherhood, send striking shipyard employees back to work pending an adjustment of their grievances was made last night by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board.

Earlier in the day Hutchison had answered a previous appeal with a communication declaring it would be impossible for him to act until he had some definite proposition from the shipping board as to working conditions.

Hutchison's virtual defiance of the shipping board presents a situation on which officials decline to comment. Mr. Hurley's request that the men be put back to work immediately carried no threat and shipping board officials would not say what steps they have in mind.

Reports today that local exemption boards were preparing to call into the military service striking shipyard workers within the draft age prompted the shipping board to send telegrams urging that such action be not taken.

Hutchison, in declining to ask the strikers to return to work, called Chairman Hurley's attention to a proposed agreement he submitted on February 7 for an adjustment of the

MONTANA TO HELP FOOD SITUATION ALL MUST SERVE VICTORY BREAD

(By Associated Press.)
BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 16.—Montana may cease to look to the western coast for her fish supply, and produce much of it herself, under plans now under consideration by the state fish and game warden and the state food administrator.

Game Warden J. L. DeHart, in a letter to Alfred Atkinson, state food administrator, declared that investigation has disclosed the presence in the waters of the state of an abundance of warm water fish, carp, ling, suckers and a great many perch, which may be taken with a seine and put on the market.

The game and fish commission also has consented to shipping the fish out of the state, to help meet the food situation in the east. Mr. DeHart says, during the war

IOWA TRAP SHOOTER WINNER OF CONTEST

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—The national amateur wing shot handicap, yesterday's feature event of the fourteenth annual mid-winter trap-shoot, was won by Elmer Henshaw of Spirit Lake, Iowa, from a field of 46 marksmen. Henshaw and Roy Ainsworth of Larned, Kansas, each hit 15 targets straight, while Ainsworth missed his eighth. William Wetleaf, Nichols, Iowa, won the inter-state individual target cup race, breaking 88 out of a possible 100. George Nicolai of Kansas City, broke 90 targets in this event but was ineligible to win the \$100 trophy by reason of his having cashed it in at a previous tournament.

The international amateur wing shoot championship, the big event of the shoot, is scheduled for tomorrow with twenty entries already in and others expected, making the purse at least \$2,000.

ANNUAL DIVIDEND REDUCED.

(By Associated Press.)
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 16.—The Krupp company, largest German gun manufacturers, has reduced its annual dividend from 12 to 10 per cent. It is said the increased demands of the German army has necessitated the spending of a large share of the company's profits on new plants.

Advertise in the Bonanza.

BITTER FEELING AGAINST CENTRAL POWERS BY WORKMEN OF WARSAW

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—A Copenhagen dispatch says there is much feeling being displayed in Warsaw against the central powers and that workmen are planning demonstrations. Soldiers and policemen are patrolling the streets.

Russian Poland is aroused over the peace terms by which Sholim, formerly contained in Poland, was ceded to the Ukraine.

It is reported the Polish ministry at Warsaw has resigned and that

ENEMY SUBMARINES BOMBARD DOVER; THREE MEN AND ONE CHILD KILLED

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—Enemy submarines today bombarded Dover. One child was killed and three men, one woman and three children injured. The property damage was only slight.

The submarines ceased firing after shore batteries had fired thirty shells.

R. R. IMPROVEMENTS TO BE SCRUTINIZED EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY WITH RUSSIAN LEADERS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Proposed expenditures of railroads for extensions and improvements this year will be carefully scrutinized by technical and financial experts of the railroad administration before being approved, according to a plan announced last night by Director General McAdoo.

One of the first steps toward paring down individual railroads' estimates, and re-arranging the program for capital expenditures is the appointment of a committee of railroad engineers to investigate eastern roads' proposals. Similar action may be taken later to inspect the budgets of lines in the west and south.

Most railroads now have complied with the railroad administration's request to submit their estimates of expenditures in 1918. These have been analyzed by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Daniels, and John Skelton Williams, director of finance for the railroad administration. Although no official statement has been made, it is understood that many roads presented enormous estimates for improvements which they said they would have made if private management had been continued.

In some cases railroads are said to have proposed insufficient extension of facilities, particularly in terminals, and the government management probably would insist on building of many additional tracks in yards, construction of new shops, roundhouses and repair stations not planned by the private management.

TEXAS TO BE DRY?

(By Associated Press.)
AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 16.—Measures to prohibit the sale of intoxicants within ten miles of any army camp in Texas, and naming violation of such measures a felony, will be submitted to a special session of the Texas legislature, called to convene Tuesday, February 26, by Gov. W. P. Hobby, in a proclamation last night. The governor's recommendations, if passed by the legislature, would probably make Texas a "dry" state.

KALEDINES MISSING.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The American consul at Tiflis has forwarded an unconfirmed report that General Kaledines, Cossack leader, opposing the Bolsheviks, has disappeared and it is believed that he is dead.

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